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AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Dear Examiner Kolb Michener:

This response, and accompanying request for continued examination, addresses the Final Office Action mailed on March 11, 2002, that had a shortened statutory period for response that ended on June 11, 2002. The enclosed petition requests a two month extension of time, extending the period to respond to August 11, 2002.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims. The attached enclosure is captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.**"

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 37 and 40-59 have been amended as indicated below.

37. (Amended) A method of coating a stent, the method comprising applying a coating to the stent, the coating comprising:

(a) a copolymer of ethylene with vinyl alcohol;

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